GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:14
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SUBSIDENCE OF LAND IN ECL
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a): whether a large scale subsidence of land is taking place in Eastern Coalfields Ltd., particularly in Raniganj Coalfield area due to non-following of mining norms;

(b) if so, whether the management of ECL has taken any steps in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether stabilization and sand filling were done in ECL;

(f) if so, the details thereof;

(g) the number of collieries likely to be shut down;

(h) whether the machines for long wall mining purchased from outside are working properly;

(i) if so, the details thereof ; and

(j) if not, the steps taken by the ECL in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL

(a) : No, Sir.

(b) to (d): Questions do not arise.

(e) & (f): Yes, Sir. In ECL stabilisation of inaccessible waterlogged underground voids are going on in nine locations under Environmental Measure & Subsidence Control (EMSC) schemes approved by Ministry of Coal.

Under these Schemes, quantity of sand filled upto October,2003 was 161670 cu.m (cumulative) and amount spent upto October, 2003 was Rs.1001.98 lakhs (cumulative).

In addition, stabilisation of two localities have been done with CCDA fund where sand stowed was 33762 cu.m.and amount spent was Rs. 332.30 lakhs.

(g): Under ECL no colliery is likely to be shut down due to subsidence.

(h) & (i): The performance of the imported equipments is satisfactory.

Presently three longwall equipments are in operation. Details of which are given below:

Equipment Name	Specification at Jhanjra	Year of purchase	Installed
Ex-Dhemomain (Gullick Dobson)	4x550 tonne	87-88	January, 1995
Ex-Charcha (Dowty)	4x680 tonne	87-88	June, 1998

Ex-Satgram (Meco-MAMC) 4x550 tonne 87-88 January, 2001

(j): Questions do not arise.